Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-20. (Canceled).

21. (New) A distributed-information management method for distributing information to a plurality of mobile terminals from an information distribution server via a network, the mobile terminal including a memory for storing a program and a processing device, the distributed-information management method comprising:

monitoring a situation of the mobile terminal under control of the processing device in accordance with the program and detecting arrival of a timing for distributing information set to the mobile terminal as a result of monitoring the mobile terminal;

transmitting, to the information distribution server, a request for distributing the information based on preset contents of the distributed information under the control of the processing device in accordance with the program stored in the mobile terminal;

receiving the information distributed from the information distribution server in response to the request for distributing the information at the mobile terminal; and,

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outputting the received information to an interface for outputting the

information under the control of the processing device in accordance with the

program stored in the mobile terminal;

wherein the processing device starts a waiting program that is stored in the

memory, is included in the program, and controls a waiting screen on the mobile

terminal upon detecting the arrival of the timing for distributing the information in

accordance with the program;

wherein the processing device transmits the request for distributing the

information in accordance with the waiting program; and

wherein the processing device outputs the distributed information to the

waiting screen as the output interface for outputting the distributed information in

accordance with the waiting program.

22. (New) The distributed-information management method according to

Claim 21, wherein the processing device monitors an operation situation of the

mobile terminal, as the situation of the mobile terminal, in accordance with the

program, and detects the arrival of the timing for distributing the information by

generation of the operation situation that satisfies predetermined criteria for the

mobile terminal.

23. (New) The distributed-information management method according to

Claim 22, wherein the processing device monitors, as the operation situation, the

presence or absence of calls, the amount of traffic, and the amount of various

processed data using the mobile terminal in accordance with the program with the

mobile terminal.

24. (New) The distributed-information management method according to

Claim 21, wherein the processing device detects the arrival of the timing for

distributing the information on the basis of reception from the information distribution

server in accordance with the program with the mobile terminal.

25. (New) The distributed-information management method according to

Claim 21, wherein an operating system, a processing program, the program, and the

priority of the program and the processing program are stored to the memory with

the mobile terminal, and

processing of the program and the processing program is executed in

accordance with the priority thereof under the operating system with the mobile

terminal.

26. (New) The distributed-information management method according to

Claim 25, wherein the processing under the program is interrupted and the

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processing program is started, upon detecting a request for processing the

processing program during processing of the program under the operating system

with the mobile terminal.

27. (New) The distributed-information management method according to

Claim 26, wherein the processing program includes a processing program for

accomplishing functions of a phone and e-mail with the mobile terminal.

28. (New) The distributed-information management method according to

Claim 21, wherein the request for distributing the information has a user ID for

identifying a user of the mobile terminal.

29. (New) A distributed-information management method for distributing

information to a plurality of mobile terminals from an information distribution server

via a network, the mobile terminal including a memory for storing a program and a

processing device, the distributed-information management method comprising:

monitoring a situation of the mobile terminal under control of the processing

device in accordance with the program and detecting arrival of a timing for

distributing information set to the mobile terminal as a result of monitoring the mobile

terminal;

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transmitting, to the information distribution server, a request for distributing the

information based on preset contents of the distributed information under the control

of the processing device in accordance with the program stored in the mobile

terminal;

receiving the information distributed from the information distribution server in

response to the request for distributing the information at the mobile terminal; and,

outputting the received information to an interface for outputting the

information under the control of the processing device in accordance with the

program stored in the mobile terminal;

wherein the processing device receives a request for changing an output form

of the output information in accordance with the program via an input interface of the

mobile terminal, and

the processing device changes an output form of the distributed information in

response to the request for distributing the information in accordance with the

program, and outputs the changed output to an output interface of the mobile

terminal.

30. (New) A mobile terminal apparatus for receiving information distributed

from an information distribution server via a network, comprising a memory for

storing a program and a processing device,

wherein a situation of the mobile terminal is monitored under control of the

processing device in accordance with the program and arrival of a timing for

distributing information set to the mobile terminal apparatus is detected as the

monitoring result,

a request for distributing the information based on preset contents of the

distributed information is transmitted to the information distribution server under the

control of the processing device in accordance with the program,

the information distributed from the information distribution server is received

in response to the request for distributing the information,

the received information is output to an interface for outputting the information

under the control of the processing device in accordance with the program,

the processing device starts a waiting program that is stored in the memory, is

included in the program, and controls a waiting screen on the mobile terminal, upon

detecting the arrival of the timing for distributing the information in accordance with

the program,

the processing device transmits the request for distributing the information in

accordance with the waiting program, and

the processing device outputs the distributed information to a waiting screen

as the output interface for outputting the distributed information in accordance with

the waiting program.

31. (New) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 30, wherein the processing device monitors an operation situation of the mobile terminal, as the situation of the mobile terminal, in accordance with the program, and detects the arrival of the timing for distributing the information by generation of the operation situation that satisfies predetermined criteria for the mobile terminal.

32. (New) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 31, wherein the processing device monitors, as the operation situation, the presence or absence of calls, the amount of traffic, and the amount of various processed data using the mobile terminal in accordance with the program.

33. (New) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 30, wherein the processing device detects the arrival of the timing for distributing the information on the basis of reception from the information distribution server in accordance with the program.

34. (New) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 30, wherein an operating system, a processing program, the program, and the priority of the program and the processing program are stored to the memory, and

processing of the program and the processing program is executed in accordance with the priority thereof under the operating system.

35. (New) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 34, wherein the processing under the program is interrupted and the processing program is started, upon detecting a request for processing the processing program during processing of the program under the operating system.

36. (New) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein the processing program includes a processing program for accomplishing functions of a phone and e-mail.

37. (New) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 30, wherein the request for distributing the information having a user ID for identifying a user of the mobile terminal is transmitted.

38. (New) A mobile terminal apparatus for receiving information distributed from an information distribution server via a network, comprising a memory for storing a program and a processing device,

wherein a situation of the mobile terminal is monitored under control of the processing device in accordance with the program and arrival of a timing for distributing information set to the mobile terminal apparatus is detected as the monitoring result,

a request for distributing the information based on preset contents of the

distributed information is transmitted to the information distribution server under the

control of the processing device in accordance with the program,

the information distributed from the information distribution server is received

in response to the request for distributing the information,

the received information is output to an interface for outputting the information

under the control of the processing device in accordance with the program,

the processing device receives a request for changing an output form of the

output information in accordance with the program via an input interface, and

. the processing device changes an output form of the distributed information in

response to the request for distributing the information in accordance with the

program, and outputs the changed output to an output interface.